

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR LIBERTY COMPOSTING, INC.
FOR
OPERATION
LIBERTY COMPOSTING FACILITY
KERN COUNTY**

Liberty Composting, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates a 160-acre municipal biosolids composting facility located in northwestern Kern County about 9 miles northwest of Lost Hills on Holloway Road. The facility is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2002-0172.

The facility is used to compost municipal biosolids that originate from wastewater treatment plants. The finished product qualifies as Exceptional Quality Biosolids and is used as a soil amendment on 20,000 acres of farmland in Kings County owned and operated by McCarthy Family Farms, Inc. The Waste Discharge Requirements are being revised to allow the Discharger to compost liquid biosolids and liquid food processing byproducts, change the amount of bulking agents used in the composting process, and to reflect an organizational name change from San Joaquin Composting, Inc. to Liberty Composting, Inc.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, 5 February 2009, and Friday, 6 February 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Water Board Staff
- Liberty Composting, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **9 January 2009**.

The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **9 January 2009**. Written testimony, evidence, or comments submitted after **9 January 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the tentative waste discharge requirements should contact **Ron Holcomb at (559) 445-6050**. Interested parties may download the proposed tentative waste discharge requirements and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



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